



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
KUROSAWA, Miki, et al.

Docket No: Q67200

Appln. No.: 09/994,719

Group Art Unit: 1725

Confirmation No.: 9008

Examiner: J. Johnson

Filed: November 28, 2001

For: LASER BEAM MACHINING METHOD FOR WIRING BOARD, LASER BEAM MACHINING APPARATUS FOR WIRING BOARD, AND CARBONIC ACID GAS LASER OSCILLATOR FOR MACHINING WIRING BOARD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004—the period for response having been extended to May 10, 2004 (May 8, 2004 being a Saturday) by an appropriate petition and check filed herewith—Applicants elect Group I, Species Id, without traverse. Claims 14-16 are readable on the elected species. An action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. I9-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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